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**Subject:** MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

## GENTLEMEN:

I AM WRITING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO FINALIZE THE SETTLEMENT WITH MICROSOFT. AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO FALTER, THE LAST THING WE NEED IS FURTHER LITIGATION WITH MICROSOFT AS SOME OF THE STATES AND AOL WOULD GREEDILY LIKE TO SEE.

I HAVE USED MICROSOFT PRODUCTS FOR YEARS AND DO NOT FEEL THE LEAST BIT DAMAGED. IN FACT, I FEEL DAMAGED BY THE RESULTS OF THE LITIGATION PRESSED BY THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE MICROSOFT COMPETTITORS. I WAS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER FOR 25 YEARS AND NO ONE EVER PROTECTED ME FROM COMPETITION. ACCORDINGLY, I FEEL THE MICROSOFT LITIGATION WAS INITIATED BY POOR COMPETTITORS WHO GOT THEIR LEGISLATORS TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLES FOR THEM. THAT IS NOT FAIR TO MICROSOFT OR THE PUBLIC.

PLEASE SETTLE THE MATTER WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY OR LITIGATION.

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